

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 5-10 are allowable. Claim 4 is objected to as dependent upon rejected base claim 1 or 2. Applicants have converted claims 4 and 6 into independent claims. New claims 11 and 12 respectively depend upon claims 4 and 6. In addition, applicants have amended claims 1, 4, 5 and 6 to use the claim language “comprising” rather than “consisting essentially of.” Since none of the cited references discloses or suggests polyester films having the recited characteristics, claims 4-12 are allowable.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Nose (JP Application No. 63-267550) in view of Ullmann. Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite a readily-adhesive polyester film comprising a biaxially-stretched polyester film and a coating layer produced by a coating liquid containing a water-soluble titanium chelate compound or a water-soluble titanium acylate compound.

Nose fails to disclose a coating liquid or coating comprising a titanium containing compound as now claimed. While Ullmann discloses an inline coating process, Ullmann also fails to disclose a coating liquid or coating comprising a titanium containing compound. Thus, both references fail to disclose a coating liquid comprising a titanium containing compound as claimed.

In addition, as stated in the prior Response, the recited invention is directed to a readily-adhesive polyester film for optical applications for which the type and content of the resin and additive components for the readily-adhesive layer are selectively chosen to reduce the refractive index differences between the polyester film base and the readily-adhesive layer in order to suppress rainbow reflections (paragraph [0011]). Nose relates to a thermoplastic resin film laminate bearing an excellent lubricancy and flatness (Nose, page 3, lines 24-26), not to a polyester film in which rainbow reflections are suppressed. Thus, Nose relates to a completely different invention and does not disclose or suggest how to reduce rainbow reflections. Since Ullmann is also silence as to how to reduce rainbow reflections, Nose and Ullmann fail to

disclose or suggest suppressing rainbow reflections as well as fail to disclose or suggest the specific coating liquid composition recited in claim 1. Accordingly, claims 1-3 would not have been obvious in view of the cited references, and this rejection should be withdrawn.

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